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Paragraph 4 *should read*

4. *Urges* all States to acknowledge through public statements at the national and local levels, and through laws, policies or programmes, the important role of individuals, groups and organs of society engaged in the promotion and protection of human rights in the promotion of human rights, democracy and the rule of law in all areas of society, in urban and rural areas, as essential components of ensuring their recognition and protection, including those promoting and defending economic, social and cultural rights;

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Delete paragraphs 5 and 6 and insert a new paragraph *reading*

5. *Strongly condemns* all human rights violations and abuses against individuals, groups and organs of society engaged in the promotion and protection of human rights for lawful activities related to the reporting and seeking of information on human rights violations and abuses and for cooperating with subregional, regional and international bodies, including the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms, including in the field of economic, social and cultural rights;

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Paragraph 7 *should read*

7. *Recognizing* the importance of the independent voice of individuals, groups and organs of society engaged in the promotion and protection of human rights and other civil society actors, as well as of partnerships between States and civil society in promoting, protecting and realizing all human rights, including economic, social and cultural rights, and the right to development, as well as in the context of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

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